NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE PROMULGATION

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: DMR Regulation 95.05 HH, Closed Area No. 30-J, Vinal Cove - Starboard Rock, Vinalhaven.

TEXT OF RULE: 95.05 HH, Closed Area No. 30-J, Vinal Cove - Starboard Rock, Vinalhaven.

1. Effective immediately, because of potential microbiological contamination, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of Winter Harbor, Vinalhaven, in the following two areas: (1) Vinal Cove, westerly of a line crossing the southwestern end of Winter Harbor at the narrowest point at the mouth of Vinal Cove; AND (2) northerly of a line drawn across the mouth of an unnamed cove on the north shore of Winter Harbor, Vinalhaven. This cove is located about 500 yards northeast of Starboard Rock.

Violation of any provision of this regulation shall be a Class D Crime (12 M.R.S.A. Section 6204).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 2, 1990

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STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources establishes the DMR Regulation 95.05 HH, Closed Area No. 30-J, Vinal Cove - Starboard Rock, Vinalhaven, which keeps two small coves closed in the Winter Harbor area of Vinalhaven. The remainder of Winter Harbor and Seal Bay has been opened to harvest by a decrease in the size of Closed Area 30-G. (The boundary for area 30-G has been moved from the north end of Coombs Neck to the eastern end of Calderwood Neck).

Department personnel have determined that the two areas that remain closed are subject to intermittent microbiological pollution and the harvesting of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels in these waters would pose a threat to the public health.

WILLIAM J. BRENNAN

Commissioner



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Legal Notice of Shellfish Closure Area

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